



ALEXANDRIA.

MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 19.

Col. Berkeley, of Farmville, a Mahoneite, immediately after the late election, wrote a letter to General Mahone's chief supporter among the Northern republican press, the New York Tribune, in which he accused the democrats of his county of preventing "a free vote and fair count," or words to that effect. But now that the Colonel has had time to reflect, he is convinced of the fact that his charge against his own neighbors was utterly groundless and unjust, and was calculated to do his county and his State material injury, and so he writes another letter to the Tribune with drawing it. In the latter letter Col. Berkeley presents a marked and most favorable contrast to Capt. John Wise, who not only writes letters to, and makes speeches in, the North, containing even more unjust and unfounded charges against the people of his own State than those brought by the Colonel, but who never retracts them.

The GAZETTE has heretofore quoted the New York Tribune to show the encouragement the opposition of the Virginia legislature to the President's recent message is affording the republicans of the North. As supplementary evidence of that fact, the following testimony is afforded by the Baltimore American, another pronounced republican newspaper:

"Virginia's democratic Senate has hit upon a queer way of backing up the President's message. By a vote of twenty six to six, that body has pronounced in favor of reducing the surplus by wiping out the internal revenue, and collecting the money to defray the expenses of the government from imports. If democratic legislatures continue to signify their approval of the President's policy after this fashion, Mr. Randall will not have to go into the ranks of the opposition to find recruits, or will the democratic majority in Congress much longer have the nerve to give the message even the scant courtesy of verbal commendation."

Mr. RANDALL voted against the President's just and proper veto of the fraudulent dependent pensions bill, and says he will vote for that bill again when it shall come before Congress, and against its expected veto. The reason Mr. Randall supports this bill is the fact that its passage would open such a drain upon the treasury that the existing high tariff upon the necessities of life would have to be continued in order to meet the necessary requirements of the government. With Mr. Randall, it is anything that will increase the wealth and profits of the few protected mine and factory owners—not laborers—in Pennsylvania.

IN THE confessions of some of the many confidential clerks whose thefts have been discovered of late, the same old story is told over again. The fear of accidental detection, and of the resulting disgrace to themselves and their families, is a constant source of anxiety and alarm, so that the money they steal, instead of affording them any pleasure, is the cause of unceasing misery, and never does them any real good. A thief is a slave, and the freedom of an honest conscience brings to its possessor more true happiness than all the money he could steal from his employer.

BILLS FOR the erection of postal telegraphs, of public buildings in all the small towns of the country, for coast defense, and for various other schemes by which to take money out of the treasury, have already been introduced in Congress by republican protectionists, the evident object of all being to cause such an expenditure of public money that the existing high tariff on the necessities of life will have to be maintained in order to avoid national bankruptcy.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Correspondence of the ALEX. GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19, 1887.

A gentleman of this city interested in the success of the Mineral Railroad, says that should the proposed changes in the charter of that road be made by the legislature, foreign capitalists are ready to supply most of the money that will be required for the construction of the road. By the new charter, the road will be a part of no other road but will run directly from Alexandria to Charleston, connecting with a road from the Cumberland coal mines at Moorefield, and with the West Virginia mines at Davis. If the road be built, a lumber trade sufficient to pay the interest on the investment is assured it, in addition to the immense coal trade from which its profits are expected. It is possible the first section of the road will be the abandoned bed of what was to have been the independent line of the Manassas Gap Railroad between Alexandria and Manassas.

C. W. Perkins, of Richmond, a House employee, and an appointee of Representative Wise, was removed this morning, but was subsequently given another place.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Riddleberger introduced several petitions from citizens of Virginia and from temperance organizations in this city for a local option law in the District of Columbia. He also introduced bills granting a charter to the Washington City Cable and Electric Railroad Company, and for a gravel road from Richmond to the national cemetery near that city.

Representative O'Ferrall, who has been reported in a newspaper of this city as saying that the chances of the passage of the Blair bill are increased by the smallness of the democratic majority in the present House, told the GAZETTE's correspondent this morning that he never said anything of the kind, but that he did say its chances were increased because fewer democrats were opposed to it in this, than in the last House.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Pugh, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill for relieving Abraham Myers of political disabilities, and asked its immediate passage, saying the bill had been before Congress for the last ten years, and that as the beneficiary was now over seventy years of age, he would probably die before the passage of the bill if its passage be delayed much longer. But Mr. Sherman objected, and so the bill had to go on the calendar.

Senator Riddleberger, in a short talk with the GAZETTE's correspondent this morning, said he had read a statement of Mr. Elam's to the effect that General Mahone had said that he supported the Blair bill, and that he, Riddleberger, had said, or might say, to the contrary amounted to nothing. Mr. Riddleberger said he could not be expected to be contradicting or having conversations with all or any of General Mahone's followers, but that if the General himself would deny the truth of any part of what he, Riddleberger, had said with reference to his course on the Blair bill, he, Riddleberger, would not only contradict him, but would sustain himself by that contradiction by the official records of the Senate and by the testimony of republican Senators.

No matter what resolutions the Virginia legislature may pass favoring the continuance of the tariff on the necessities of life and the repeal of the tax on oleomargarine and whisky, numerous letters received in this city from diverse influential people in this State and from the South, plainly show that such resolutions are by no means in accord with the sentiment of the majority of the people of that State, and indicate that the members of the legislature would subvert the interests of their constituents better by attending to State matters, and allowing Congress to look after those that relate to the nation.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Call moved that the resolutions of the Utah convention asking for the admission of that Territory as a State in the Union be printed in the Record, but objection being made by several republicans, Mr. Call said he would wait until allowed to do so by the rules, and then, if the objections were continued, would get the resolutions in the Record by reading them.

The Judiciary Committee of the Senate was in session to-day considering the nominations of Cabinet officers. The nomination of Mr. Lamar was before the committee, but no action was taken, and the committee adjourned till after the holidays.

Representative Post, of Virginia, adds his to the many complaints about the irregularity with which subscribers receive the GAZETTE. He says at Staunton the Richmond and Washington papers are received the morning after publication, but the GAZETTE, never, and that even in this city he does not see the GAZETTE until the morning after its publication.

Representative Lee, of the Alexandria district, was detained from his seat in the House to-day by sickness.

Col. E. J. Greenham, of Richmond, who has been ill at Charlotte, N. C., has returned to this city, where he is engaged in business.

LETTER FROM RICHMOND.

[Special Cor. of the Alexandria GAZETTE.]

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 18.—So the General Assembly will not abolish the office of Register of Lands. This determination reached yesterday by a majority of the legislature puts new life into the contest over that office and the legislators are being buttonholed and interviewed by the friends of the several candidates. The fact that Mr. Wingfield now holds the office is something in his favor, but that amounts to nothing compared with the influence which is operating in his favor in the shape of warm personal friends like Speaker Caldwell and General Wickham, who are working strenuously for his reelection. Mr. Wingfield comes from the county of Hanover and being an influential party worker there he can command the support of the Hanover delegates, who, by the way, have as much influence as any other two members of the General Assembly. Mr. J. D. Grant will get a good vote in the caucus for this office. The Eastern Shore delegates are working to secure Mr. Grant's election. The other candidates are Col. W. R. Gaines, of Charlotte.

It is very apparent that the legislature will not accept any proposition from Mr. William L. Royal, the representative and counsel of the Foreign bondholders, unless it comes under the basis of the Riddleberger bill. The truth is the legislators are not troubling themselves much about the debt question. They regard the matter as finally settled. Some of them, however, are in favor of driving the bondholders to the wall, so to speak, and it is very likely that there will be some interesting things said when the matter comes up for consideration in the General Assembly, as it will do very shortly. At the last session the republicans were particularly anxious to make themselves a record on this question, and the way they did was to vote solidly against every democratic measure relative to the debt. Now since the subject has been virtually removed from politics, the republicans are turning their attention especially to the tariff. They talk of a tariff to protect the American workmen and American industries, but when it gets down to a vote they go unanimously for the same tariff the republicans have encouraged for the past twenty-five years.

The Legislature's Committee on Fish and Game will have considerable to do this winter. There seems to be a wide spread feeling of sympathy for the toothsome partridge, the bony herring and in fact for every species of the finny tribe on the part of sportsmen and fishermen. At the last meeting of the Senate Committee on Fish and Game that class of sportsmen called "pot hunters" were condemned, but no suggestion was made as to how they could be exterminated. A sportsman from Amelia county, who is here in the interest of a new game law, tells a hard story on a "pot hunter" of his county. The p. h. joined the Baptist Church some time ago, and the Amelia sportsman, in order to show how desperate some pot hunters are, told the Committee on Fish and Game that the p. h. when he was baptized brought up two turtles with his feet and offered them for sale before he got out of the water.

GLOOMY FOREBODINGS.—The English and continental journals continue to publish articles, varying in length from a column to a page, discussing the chances of an almost immediate European war. Military circles in Berlin are imbued with the conviction that war is imminent, but there is a suspicion that in this case the wish is father to the thought. One high official in the German military service is quoted as saying that the situation has assumed a phase making it possible that war may come over night. The Berlin Post is also a firm believer in the nearness of war, and goes to the length of fixing the time of its breaking out at some time during the month of February. The London Observer, on the other hand, while deprecating hostilities as the result of any of the existing differences between the European powers, believes that there will be no war. "Every one," it says, "inclines to the belief that a war precipitated by Russia is inevitable, but this is hardly possible. Whether Russia wants to fight or not—and it is doubtful if she does—there can be no war without the consent of Germany, and thus far there is no reason for assuming that she entertains a wish for war."

"WIDE AWAKE."—The December number of Wide Awake, a readable monthly magazine, illustrated, published by the D. Lothrop Company, Boston, has been received. This holiday number is very rich in matter and variety.

What is the matter with the gas? It is getting more and more scanty, if not worse, and I cannot now get half enough to light up my house when I want it. I wonder if the gas will be any lighter.

A LARGE CONSUMER.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Macy's establishment in New York is to be bought out by a syndicate.

S. P. Rounds, editor of the Omaha Republican and ex public printer, died in Omaha on Saturday.

James P. Foster, of New York, an enthusiastic Blaine man, was elected president of the National League of republican clubs.

The Pennsylvania Railroad will, at an early day, put on a train of vestibule cars to run between Philadelphia and points in Florida.

A fair to raise money to build an asylum for destitute Masons and their widows and orphans closed in New York on Saturday, having netted \$60,000.

It is announced that Col. Henry T. Douglass, chief engineer of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, will probably be appointed second vice president.

Wm. W. Jordan, a faith doctor, killed a colored woman at Selma, Ala., as a sacrifice, and the colored people of the place are now talking of lynching him.

Dr. Mackenzie says he is favorably impressed with the condition of the Crown Prince of Germany, and that the existence of cancer is more doubtful than on the occasion of his last visit to San Remo.

Judge Kilbreth, at the Tomb Police Court in New York, on Saturday, rendered his decision in the case of Henry S. Ives, charged with larceny by Mr. Dexter. The judge dismissed the complaint and discharged the accused.

The converting, blooming and rail departments of the Edgar Thompson Steel Works at Braddock, Pa., were closed down Saturday and the several thousand employees notified that for the present there would be no work for them.

Robert Montgomery, formerly an actor in Mrs. D. P. Bowers's company, and now a clerk in New York, was arrested Saturday, charged with murdering his wife, whose body was found in the yard of their dwelling, half dressed and a pistol wound in the left breast. Montgomery said he was not married to the woman, whose name was Nellie Southwick, of Seneca Falls, N. Y. He said they had quarreled the night before over a ring she had pawned to buy him a Christmas present. He went out, got drunk, came home and went to bed, and knew nothing of her death until arrested while in bed.

The bodies of the four anarchists—Parsons, Spies, Fischer and Engel—who were hanged November 11, with that of Lingg, who escaped the gallows by killing himself, were placed in their final resting place, in Waldheim Cemetery, near Chicago, yesterday. The grave was twelve feet deep and reached by an inclined plane. At the bottom was a block of granite, on which rested a bed of cement. Granite blocks are the walls, and two blocks of granite a foot thick the top. About 800 people went out on the special funeral train. There was no disorder. Capt. Black, Paul Grottkau, of Milwaukee, and Albert Curtin, of St. Louis, spoke.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Loudoun county paid this year for hawk scalps five hundred dollars.

A handsome baptistry has been constructed in the Baptist Church at Culpeper.

Francis E. Thayer has been appointed postmaster at Dover, Loudoun county.

The total number of convicts in the penitentiary under 18 years of age is 193, males 171, females 22.

Two cotton compresses are now at work at West Point. They give employment to a large number of hands.

Mrs. Elizabeth Worsham, probably the oldest lady in Danville, died Saturday morning, in the 87th year of her age.

Robert Alden, a colored man from King George county, was robbed of twenty-five dollars by the three-card monte game in Washington on Friday.

On Chincoteague Island the revenue received from claims for the past two weeks is said to have been almost equal to that received from oysters during the same period.

A fire on Saturday in the shape of Franklin, on the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad, destroyed Prewell and Company's warehouse, containing 7,000 bags of peanuts and three carloads of coal. Loss about \$30,000.

Mrs. Estelle Pollock, wife of Mr. John Pollock, died at her home, near Fredericksburg, last week. Mrs. Pollock was a daughter of the late Fielding Lewis, of "Marmion." King George county.

George C. Lewis, who was stabbed by Wm. T. Dryden in an altercation on Chincoteague Island last July, died several days ago in the German hospital, in Philadelphia. Dryden was arrested at the time, but subsequently broke out of the county jail and is still at large.

Among the prisoners confined in the jail of Petersburg is Randall Watson, who is to be hanged at Hickford, in Greensville county, next month, for murder. Henry Moore will be hanged at the same place about the same time. Moore killed a man about a barrel of flour, and after his conviction made his escape and has been at large ever since.

LEGISLATIVE.

In the State Senate on Saturday a resolution was introduced by a republican member to investigate the official conduct of Colonel Randolph Harrison as Commissioner of Agriculture and ascertain what causes there were to justify the conclusion that the agricultural interests of the State were not safe in his hands, and what causes led to the placing an attorney at law and ex editor over the farmers of Virginia in the position of Commissioner of Agriculture, which was indefinitely postponed.

Bills were passed to incorporate the Falls Church and Potomac Railway Company, and to prevent county, district, school and corporation officers and school trustees from purchasing county and corporation warrants.

In the House of Delegates the bill increasing the tax on peddlers was re-committed after discussion.

The Committee on Officers and Offices of the Capitol reported it inexpedient to abolish the office of the Register of the Land Office, as suggested in the message of the Governor and the report after discussion, was re-committed. Mr. Pollard saying that the Governor would like to appear before the committee and make a statement with regard to the reasons which actuated him. The committee held a meeting in the afternoon to further consider the question. Governor Lee and Mr. J. A. Wingfield, Register of the Land Office, appeared before it and made addresses pro and con, after which the committee considered the matter, and again reached the conclusion that it would be inexpedient to abolish the office.

A bill was introduced to fix the salary of the judge of the Corporation Court of Alexandria.

Senator Legally, chairman of the District Senate Committee, says the delay in the construction of the Aqueduct bridge, is inexcusable. The pretext for the delay is that the deficiency bill contained an appropriation for a draw, whereas the Congress voted the "draw" amendment down.



TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

From Richmond.

[Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 19.—The time for the consideration of the Senate bill increasing the salary of the judge of the Corporation Court of Alexandria, was to-day changed to Wednesday morning by the Senate committee for courts of justice. A similar bill in the House has been referred to the committee of which Mr. Ryan, of Loudoun, is chairman. He said to-day that the committee would like to hear from the Alexandria people in regard to the matter.

A majority report of the finance committee was submitted in the Senate to-day in regard to the debt. The report recommends the suspension of hostilities on the part of the State, so to speak, for 30 days. A minority report was submitted granting no time whatever and declaring against reopening negotiations with the bondholders.

The judge for Alexandria will not be nominated in the caucus to-night and the nomination will be postponed till after Christmas.

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CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.

SENATE.

A number of papers were presented to the Senate from the heads of departments.

Among the bills introduced and referred was one by Mr. Hoar relating to the celebration of the centennial of the inauguration of the Constitution.

Numerous bills were reported favorably from committees and placed on the calendar. The concurrent resolution for the holiday recess was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Committee on Rules, as follows: The Speaker, Messrs. Randall, Mills, Reed and Cannon.

Mr. Dibble, of South Carolina, offered a resolution referring to the Committee on Appropriations the reports of the Court of Claims on the French spoliation claims, with instructions to that committee to report all claims which have been decided favorably to the claimants in the general deficiency bill.

The resolution was finally adopted, and the House adjourned until to-morrow.

Kilrain and Smith.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The prize fight between Kilrain and Smith is supposed to be progressing at this hour in the vicinity of Rouen, France.

It is reported here that the fight between Kilrain and Smith has taken place and that the referee will reserve his decision until he arrives in England.

It is learned this afternoon that the fight between Kilrain and Smith was fixed to take place at one o'clock this afternoon on an island in the river Seine, twenty miles from Rouen. Many patrons of the turf have left England for France during the last few days by different routes. On Friday Kilrain with his trainer and a few friends crossed the Channel by the Dover boat. Kilrain was not recognized as any part of the journey, probably owing to the change in his appearance which the shaving of his heavy moustache created. Smith, with his principal supporter and Jim Howe, his trainer, crossed on Thursday. The sea on that day was exceeding rough, and Smith suffered severely from seasickness. He was obliged to spend the night in Calais and did not reach Rouen until Friday. He stopped at the Hotel d'Albion in Rouen, where Kilrain had quarters at a hostelry only 20 yards away. On Saturday both men shook hands.

It was arranged that the steamer should be ready opposite the hotel to convey the whole party to the grounds selected for the fight. It was feared that the secret had leaked out in France and that the gendarmes might possibly interfere and prevent the meeting. Both men were well and anxious to fight. In London to-day the betting is 3 to 1 on Smith with no takers.

A Fierce Desperado.

DENVER, COL., Dec. 19.—Newton Vorce has been tracked to a dug-out on the Robinson ranch about 12 miles from Deer Trail where he is still holding men at bay who are attempting his arrest. Another man has lost his life, making two killed and one wounded since the first effort was made to arrest Vorce and the desperado is not yet captured. A sheep herder whose name is not known was in the dugout with Vorce and has been shot and killed by the guards. The sheep herder about dawn laid the dugout wearing Vorce's hat and when about 50 feet from the dugout a volley was fired at him, the supposition being that he was Vorce. He fell but for some time the men were afraid to go after the body as Vorce could easily reach them with his rifle. When, after about two hours delay, the men went after the body they found it warm, but the man had apparently just died from internal hemorrhage. There were two bullets, one through his breast. Yesterday, under Sheriff Chvington with a number of deputies left for Deer Trail on a special train where he swore in other deputies and left for Vorce's hiding place with two wagon loads of men all heavily armed, but up to this time of writing no news has been received. Vorce is said to have plenty of food and water in his dugout, and five horses, one of them being a racer.

Murder and Suicide.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 19.—S. S. Crandell, formerly a lawyer and real estate broker in Troy, to-day shot his wife, his mother-in-law, Mrs. S. S. Stone, his step-daughter, Julia Bulkey, and himself at their home in Ballston Spa. All are dead but the wife, and she is dying. The parties had a controversy over money matters. His wife was the divorced wife of Crandell's former legal associate. Crandell was once the candidate for sheriff in Washington county and was

defeated. He was extravagant in his habits. His wife had money and the quarrel was over its control.

Burglary.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Ole Olesen, a Scandinavian, 55 years old, employed as a street railway trackman, lost the savings of a lifetime yesterday just when he expected to realize the benefit of his frugality. While out with his wife looking at a home which he intended to buy, the old man's tenement was burglarized of \$2,539. He had laid aside the money weekly, a few dollars at a time, and being afraid of the banks had kept his fortune in a trunk under the bed. There is no clue to the marauders. Olesen and his wife are nearly distracted.

Caught in a Gale.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—Schooner Governor J. Y. Smith, Capt. Nickerson, from Norfolk for Providence with 410 tons of coal was towed to this port to-day in a sinking condition, having experienced a hurricane Saturday, fifteen miles east of Cape Henlopen, which lasted several hours.

DELAWARE BREAKWATER, Dec. 19.—Schooner Emeline E. Birdsall, from Norfolk for New Haven, was picked up in distress with sails all blown away, by the tug Protector, abreast of Ocean City and towed in here.

Fires.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—A Winnipeg, Man., special says: Leitch Bro's mill at Oak Lane was burned last night, together with 10,000 bushels of wheat. Loss \$20,000; insurance \$12,000.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 19.—A Bristol, Tenn., special to the Advance says: Five business houses, occupied by grocers and as restaurants, composing the "King Block," were destroyed by fire last night. Loss \$7,000.

Mr. Higgins's Resignation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The correspondence between Mr. Higgins, chief of the appointment division of the Treasury Department, and Mr. Fairchild, in which the former resigns his position, has been made public. Mr. Fairchild to-day denied that Mr. Higgins's removal had been directed by the President.

Reported Attempted Assassination. VIENNA, Dec. 19.—A correspondence sheet published in this city asserts that it has received a cipher dispatch stating that another attempt has been made on the life of the Czar and that the Czar was wounded. It also says that a revolutionary movement has broken out in St. Petersburg.

The Crown Prince's Condition.

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—The Freisinnige Zeitung in an article believed to have been prompted by Professor Virchow, says that the cicatrization in the Crown Prince's throat is a most favorable symptom, indicating that the affection is not cancerous.

Resigned his Office.

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Count Perpoucher, whose wife was said to have been implicated in the sending of the forged documents to the Czar, has resigned his office of chief marshal of the imperial household.

Internal Revenue Receipts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The receipts from internal revenue to-day were \$708,222, and from customs \$459,106. The national bank notes received to-day for redemption amount to \$329,000.

Appointments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Secretary of the Treasury to-day appointed in Virginia Griffith E. Hambrick a storekeeper at Copper Valley, Va.

Nominations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A number of nominations for postmasters (not recess appointments) was sent to the Senate to-day.

Declines to Interfere.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Mr. Gladstone has written a letter declining to interfere in the international arbitration movement.

Death of a Bishop.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Right Rev. James Joseph Carbery, Catholic Bishop of the diocese of Hamilton Ont., is dead.

Death of a Minister.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Rev Mr. McConiche is dead.

The Debt.

At a meeting of the sub-committee of the finance committees of the two houses of the Legislature on Saturday last a resolution was adopted "That the Governor be authorized and requested to direct the officers of the State to suspend all proceedings against parties who have hitherto tendered coupons for taxes until January 25, provided the bondholders shall cease all attempts to force coupons into the treasury, and will publish a circular that they will not sustain taxpayers tendering coupons for taxes in the interim." The resolution concludes by declaring that the State will pay no more than the amount fixed by the Riddleberger bill.

In regard to what took place in the conference, Mr. Royal said: "I told the committee that if the State would stand up to the Riddleberger bill I would undertake to promise that the creditors would find under it. The Riddleberger bill promises that from the year 1890 to the year 1932 the State will put aside a fund amounting to 21 per cent. upon the entire debt as a sinking fund to redeem it at maturity. I proposed that the creditors should release this sinking fund and commute it into a present and future payment of interest on the ordinary principles upon which annuities, life policies and dower are commuted. I still say that if the Legislature of Virginia is in earnest in standing up to the terms of the Riddleberger bill I will have no difficulty whatever in getting the creditors to accept it. But leaving out all questions of this sort, if the Legislature will give me a short time for conference, I tell you I am going to get a settlement of the State debt."

Leading republican members of the Legislature say that their party is in a unit in favor of settling the debt on the basis of the Riddleberger bill. The general impression is that the Legislature will adopt the resolutions agreed upon by the sub-committee, suspending the enforcement of the coupon crusher of thirty days.

Three colored men made their escape from the Richmond jail on Friday night but their absence was not discovered till Saturday morning.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The stock market opened steady to firm for most of the list this morning, the maximum change from Saturday's final prices being only 1/4 per cent. The market was again intensely dull, surpassing in stagnation even the corresponding hours on Friday and Saturday. There was a quiet business in Richmond and West Point, and in a few other stocks there was some movement in prices. The tone of the dealings was heavy in the early trading and Richmond and West Point declined 1/2 per cent. Somewhat improvement was made late in the hour, but at 11 o'clock the market was very dull and steady at small fractions under the opening prices. Money 4 1/2.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19.—Virginia 6s consolidated 40; past-due coupons—10-40s—; new 3s 65 bid to-day.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PRODUCE, DEC. 19.

Flour, fine.....	\$2.50	@	2.75
Superfine.....	2.75	@	3.00
Extra.....	3.75	@	4.00
Family.....	4.40	@	5.25
Fancy brands.....	4.75	@	5.25
Wheat, Longberry.....	0.83	@	0.87
Fultz.....	0.80	@	0.86
Mixed.....	0.80	@	0.87
Fair Wheat.....	0.76	@	0.80
Damp and tough.....	0.70	@	0.75
Corn, white.....	0.52	@	0.54
Yellow.....	0.52	@	0.53
Corn Meal.....	0.55	@	0.56
Rye.....	0.54	@	0.62
State.....	0.53	@	0.57
Butter, Virginia prime.....	0.22	@	0.25
Common to middling.....	0.15	@	0.18
Eggs.....	0.24	@	0.25
Live Chickens.....	0.7	@	0.8
Dressed Chickens.....	0.8	@	0.9
Live Turkeys.....	0.8 1/2	@	0.9
Dressed Turkeys, drawn.....	0.10	@	0.11
Dressed Pork.....	0.5	@	0.50
Hind quarters.....	0.5	@	0.5 1/2
Fore quarters Beef.....	0.3	@	0.3
Veal Calves.....	0.5	@	0.5 1/2